

2015 CONGRESSIONAL ART COMPETITION

GUIDELINES FOR STUDENTS AND TEACHERS

GENERAL GUIDELINES:

- Competition is open to high school student's grades 9 through 12 who reside in the 16th Congressional District of Ohio only. To verify your residence, please visit <http://www.house.gov/htbin/zipfind> or call the Wadsworth District Office at 330-334-0040
- Only one piece of artwork is permitted per student participating in the competition.
- Each entry MUST be accompanied by **2 typed copies** of the 2015 Student Entry and Release Form. One is to be attached to the back of the artwork to certify the originality of the piece. The other is to be turned into the staff when the piece is delivered to one of the three drop off locations. **Be sure these are signed by the art teacher, the student, and a guardian.**
- In the interest of upholding the public trust, no full or part-time staff member, intern, nor their immediate family members will be considered as applicants or contestants for any competition or contest affiliated with our office. This rule applies to the Congressional Art Competition.
- In the interest of widening the scope of opportunities for Congressional Art Competition participants, only entrants who have not previously won "Best in Show" will be considered for the grand prize.
- The Best in Show artwork will receive the honor of being displayed in the U.S. Capitol in Washington, D.C.
- The winners of 1st runner-up, 2nd runner-up, and People's Choice artwork will be displayed in Congressman Renacci's Wadsworth District office.
- Each winner will receive a ribbon recognizing the accomplishments of their artwork.

ARTWORK ACCEPTED MEDIUMS

- Paintings: oil, acrylics, watercolor, etc.
- Drawings: pastels, colored pencil, pencil, charcoal, ink, markers
- Collage: must be two dimensional
- Prints: lithographs, silkscreen, block prints
- Mixed Media: use of more than two mediums such as pencil, ink, watercolor, etc.
- Computer-generated art
- Photography

**The final decision regarding the suitability of all artwork for the 2015 Congressional Art Competition exhibition in the U.S. Capitol will be made by a panel of qualified persons chaired by the Architect of the Capitol. Artwork must adhere to the policy of the House Office Building Commission. In accordance with this policy, exhibits depicting subjects of contemporary political controversy or a sensationalistic or gruesome nature are not allowed. It is necessary that all artwork be reviewed by the panel chaired by the Architect of the Capitol and any portion not in consonance with the Commission's policy will be omitted from the exhibit. **

ARTWORK SIZE AND FRAMING REQUIREMENTS

- **Artwork must be two dimensional**
- **Each entry must be original in concept, design, and execution and may not violate U.S. copyright laws.** Any entry that has been copied from an existing photo (not the student's own), painting, graphic, advertisement, or any other work produced by another person is a violation of the competition rules and **will not** be accepted. Work entered must be in the original medium (that is, not a scanned reproduction of a painting or drawing).
- **A typed and securely affixed LARGE label must be applied to the back of each piece (see sample at the end of the packet).**
- **Entries to the district competition do not require frames however the winning entry will need to be framed before exhibition in the U.S. Capitol; therefore the following requirements should be followed for all entries to the district competition.**
 - All works, **including frame**, should be **no larger** than:
 - 28 inches high
 - 28 inches wide
 - 4 inches deep
 - 15 lbs. in weight
 - Framed work larger than the specified dimensions will be turned away.
 - Do not attach labels, ribbons, etc. to the front of the piece or underneath the glass or Plexiglas.
 - If the artwork is abstract in design, please indicate on the backside which side is "up" with arrows.
 - **Framing guidelines for the winner of the Congressional Art Competition:**
 - Frames should be kept as simple and sturdy as possible. Metal frames are recommended. No "snap on" frames with glass are to be used.
 - Artwork must be protected by Plexiglas or glass.
 - Use sturdy picture hangers on the back of the frame. Two sturdy eye hooks should be attached at the top right and left sides of the back of the work for hanging in order to prevent the work from leaning forward or hanging unevenly. Do **not** put wire between the hooks for hanging; these will be added when the artwork is hung in the Capitol.
 - **If the winner has not already done so, the artwork will be given to them after the competition to frame before the piece is sent to the U.S. Capitol for "Art Intake Day" (Exact date TBA, though it will occur during the month of May)**
 - Artwork will hang in the Capitol for the **entire year** of the exhibition and **cannot** be returned to the students earlier. Students should, therefore, submit artwork they will not need for other purposes.

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ART COMPETITION TIMELINE

Week of March 9-13, 2015

- Artwork is to be delivered to any of the following locations which would be closest to you:
 - **Congressman Renacci's Wadsworth district office between the hours of 9:00 am – 5:00 pm**
1 Park Center Drive, Suite 302
Wadsworth, Ohio 44281
If you need directions, please call 330-334-0040
 - **Congressman Renacci's Parma district office between the hours of 9:00 am – 5:00 pm**
7335 Ridge Road, Suite 2
Parma, Ohio 44129
If you need directions, please call 440-882-6779
 - **Lynda Tuttle's Art Center March 11th, 12th, and 13th between the hours of 12:00 pm - 5:00 pm**
209 6th Street NW
Canton, Ohio 44702
If you need directions, please call 330-452-8211
- Artwork will be judged by an independent panel formed by professional artists.

March 30 – April 10, 2015

- Congressman Renacci's office will coordinate with the schools of each of the award recipients to recognize the winners at their school

TBA

- Official Reception for winners and their guests/family members

ARTWORK LABEL

Please type and affix a large label with the below format to the back of your artwork, along with one copy of the 2015 Student Entry and Release Form

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| Students Name: _____ |
| Address: _____ |
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| Phone Number: _____ |
| Title: _____ |
| Medium: _____ |
| Congressman Jim Renacci |
| Ohio / 16 th Congressional District |